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SUBJ PEANUT PROJECT

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1. AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL AND OPIC UNDERSTAND THAT BLANTON AND MORROW HAVE FOUND IN TIFFANY INDUSTRIES SOME INTEREST IN RUNNING PEANUT PROJECT. APARENTLY NOW THE PLAN IS FOR A LARGER PROJECT WITH A TOTAL COST LIKELY TO BE \$15.0 MILLION.

2. LITTLE KNOWN OF TIFFANY, AND A CHECK IS BEING RUN. UNTIL MORE IS KNOWN ABOUT THIS NEW GROUP AD THEIR PLANS, HOWEVER, OPIC AND THE COUNCIL (WORKING WITH THE COOPERATION OF DYNALECTRON) CANNOT DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO OBTAINING AU.S. FIRM WHICH IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED ITSELF IN RUNNING A PEANUT BUYING, PROCESSING AND MARKETING COMPANY.

3. SO LONG AS BLANTON REMAINS ACTIVE IN PURSUIT OF THIS PROJECT THERE IS NOT MUCH OTHERS CAN DO ANYWAY. DYNALECTRON POSSESSES ONLY VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT'S FEASIBILITY. ONLY BLANTON AND MORROW HAVE IT AND THEIR FULL COOPERATION IN WORKING WITH THE KIND OF U.S. COMPANY WE WOULD SELECT TO TAKE
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THE LEAD CANNOT BE COUNTED ON. INTERESTINGLY, HOWEVER,

BLANTON SAYS THE MRGD HAS MISPLACED ITS COPIES OF
DYNALECTRON'S PROPOSAL AND HAS ASKED HIM TO OBTAIN ANOTHER
COPY FOR THEM. KISSINGER

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